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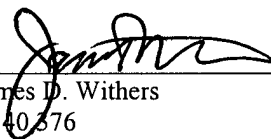
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Responsive to the Office Action mailed on January 14, 2003, Applicants request further examination in light of the following remarks, which are believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

REMARKS

Claims 11-30 are pending in the present application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present claims in view of the following remarks.

I. Formal Matters:Rejection of Claims 21-30 Under Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Over U.S. Patent No. 6,316,099 In View Of European Patent No. 0392090

Claims 21-30 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-2 and 6-8 of U.S. Patent No. 6,316,099 issued to George et al. in view of European Patent No. 0392090. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

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